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In re Application of:

Kaoru Asano et al.

Serial No. 10/810,412

Filing Date: March 25, 2004

For: Extraction Device, Analyzer,
Extraction Method, and Analysis
Method

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this communication.